

**“OUR GARDEN OF LOVE,
PEACE, HEALING &
REMEMBRANCE”**

The Delaware Highway Memorial Garden is embodied by the slogan, “Our Garden Of Love, Peace, Healing & Remembrance.”

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The slogan was chosen by a group of individuals who are part of a grief support group known as Compassionate Friends (Brandywine Hundred Chapter). Members of the group have lost family members in traffic fatalities.

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This special group of people had a large influence on the creation of the garden, its spirit and its availability to the general public.

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The group chose this slogan in order to give the garden its meaning and life.

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We hope families will consider its calming message as they spend quiet moments within the garden.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN
PARTNERING COMMITTEE**

*Delaware
Department of Transportation*

Delaware Office of Highway Safety

MADD Delaware Chapter

Delaware State Police - Victim Services

*Compassionate Friends
Brandywine Hundred Chapter*

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**DELAWARE HIGHWAY
MEMORIAL GARDEN**

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**DELAWARE
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MEMORIAL
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*Located at the Smyrna Rest Area
5500 DuPont Highway
Smyrna, Delaware 19977*

DELAWARE HIGHWAY MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Delaware Highway Memorial Garden is Delaware's place of remembrance dedicated solely to those who have lost their lives on Delaware roadways. The garden is the first of its type nationwide to include the names of those involved in various types of traffic fatalities in the state.

It was created in response to the many requests the Department of Transportation receives regarding the legality of the placement of roadside memorials. Roadside memorials are illegal under Delaware's Clear Zone Act, meaning if they are placed in the clear zone (usually 10 feet on each side of the paved roadway) they must be removed to ensure public safety. The Department of Transportation is working to provide families with various options for remembering a loved one.

Located on the grounds of the Smyrna Rest Area at 5500 DuPont Highway in Smyrna, Delaware, the 11,000 square foot garden will be a creative blend of native trees, shrubs and flowering plants. Existing large oak trees will anchor the seasonal changes of color.

The garden's grassy pathway is outlined with bricks engraved with the names of individuals who give the garden its character and significance. Benches are situated throughout the garden for the visitors to use as they reflect in this tranquil setting and pay tribute to the lives of their loved ones.

The garden features a special area designated for the victims of drunk driving. This will be a special place of remembrance for families who have lost a loved one in a impaired driving crash. Please indicate on your Brick Order Form if the traffic fatality was DUI-related.

The garden is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

ORDERING A PERSONALIZED BRICK IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Bricks are offered free of charge to the public, with the hopes that families will look to the garden as a safer alternative to placing, maintaining and visiting roadside memorials.

Anyone interested in ordering an engraved brick is asked to complete the Personalized Brick Order Form (attached to this brochure).

Bricks accommodate personalization of fifteen (15) characters per line including spacing and punctuation. Other words such as "IN MEMORY OF" can be added if spacing permits. (See samples on Personalized Brick Order Form.)

Only one brick per departed individual is permitted.

Sample brick:

IN MEMORY OF
CATHERINE SMITH
JUNE 1, 1998

A Personalized Brick Order Form should accompany this brochure. If it does not, complete this form and mail it to: Delaware Department of Transportation, DE Highway Memorial Garden, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903-0778.

REQUEST FOR PERSONALIZED BRICK ORDER FORM

DE Highway Memorial Garden

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____

Zip Code_____

Please mail the completed form to the Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903-0778.

Once DelDOT receives your order form, it will place the order when a sufficient number (50) of bricks has been ordered. The brick will be ordered, engraved and delivered to the Smyrna Rest Area for installation by DelDOT workers.

You will be notified by mail once your brick has been placed within the garden.
